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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Occupation Troops in DRESDEN

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REMARKS

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1. _____ occupation of kasernes
in the area of DRESDEN (N 52/E 21) _____

Kaserne in DRESDEN-UEBIGAU: Only two kaserne buildings lightly occupied
Wilder-Mann Kaserne: Guard detail; truck _____ 50X1-HUM
entered the kaserne area.

Kaserne on Koenigsbrueckerstrasse, corner of Nordplatz: Rear detail. Truck _____ 50X1-HUM
was parked at the yard.

Kaserne on Koenigsbrueckerstrasse, corner of Hausenstrasse: Infantry unit wearing red epauletts.

Kaserne in DRESDEN-NICKERN: Rear detail

Former "48th Regt" Kaserne: Only some expensive staff cars
_____ were seen 50X1-HUM
there.

Kaserne in the "Industriegelaende" (industrial area) located in the direction of KLOTZSCHE: Guard detail. Trucks _____ 50X1-HUM
_____ entered the kaserne 50X1-HUM
area.

b. Only a few Soviet soldiers were observed in the streets of DRESDEN. However, there were at the RR stations numerous soldiers with full pack, either as individuals or in groups, and Soviet women with baggage, wearing either civilian clothes or uniform.

c. Sixteen "T 34" tanks were entrained for an unknown destination at the "Neustaedter" RR Station on 26 May 1949. The

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tanks were said to have come from the direction of CHEMNITZ (N 51/E 66).

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2. a. Eleven heavy tanks and about 150 infantry troops were seen practicing an attack "auf dem Hell-r" near DRESDEN, i.e. in the area between Koenigsbrueckerstrasse and the autobahn, on 26 May 1949. Four biplanes, having arrived from the direction of KLOTZSCHE (N 52/E 29), participated in the practice attack.

b. A marching column of about 350 troops, returning from training at the Dresden Heath, were seen at about 7:30 p.m. on the same day.

c. A column in the following composition was observed moving from DRESDEN in the direction of Koenigsbruecker (N 52/A 31) the afternoon of 28 May 1949:

Six self-propelled guns of 120 to 15 mm caliber
Seven trucks occupied by about 150 troops wearing tank insignia
two trucks [redacted] One jeep.

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a. The former Nachrichten Kaserne, DRESDEN-NEUSTADT, was occupied by eight hundred men, mostly young troops, on 11 June 1949. The troops wore artillery and tank insignia.

b. Three "T 34/43" tanks were used for drivers' training in the Kaserne area.

6. About fifteen young officers were seen grouped around one heavy self-propelled gun. 50X1-HUM

4. an engineer unit of about 100 men and a motorized infantry unit of about 250 men were quartered in the DRESDEN-UEBIGAU Kaserne on 27 June 1949. The latter unit consisted mostly of very young soldiers. The engineer unit had been greatly reduced in number after the beginning of June 1949. The observed engineer soldiers were between 22 and 26 years of age.

Only light infantry weapons and 80-mm mortars were seen with the troops in this Kaserne.

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[redacted] most of the kasernes in the DRESDEN
area were absent for training at that time (presumably in the
KOLNIG-BRUECK area). Component units of the 11th Gds Tank Div
and Hq units of the First Gds Mecz army were concerned [redacted]
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